

## K-3 MUSIC AT HOME

You recently received your child's music assessment sheet with the first semester grade card. You'll notice on the backside of the assessment is a rubric describing the grade level expectations in K-3 music. Music, similar to any other skill, is sequential. We start with the foundational building blocks in Kindergarten and keep building upon those blocks throughout the following years, helping your child to read, play, sing, compose, move and listen to music analytically – having fun while learning. Throughout the process, we are developing a musical ear and critical thinking skills through the elementary study of many types of music. Research shows that actively studying music, like learning how to play an instrument, helps develop the neural connections in the brain.

**You can reinforce the fundamental skills of music at home through a variety of ways.** I use **Freddie the Frog®** books to introduce basic music concepts. Similar to learning math facts, learning note names involves memory work. The students were given a set of note name flashcards. Studying with your child will help them improve their next assessment. If you have Internet access, you can also practice note name recognition and rhythm pattern writing by playing the games at **[www.FreddieTheFrog.com](http://www.FreddieTheFrog.com)**. You will also find downloadable coloring pages with note names and corresponding characters to the stories.

Have fun!

